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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th March 2018

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Your attitude determines your direction.'

GOLD MEDALLIST VISIT

In a change to previously advertised (unfortunately we were notified after the last Newsletter that Luke Lennon-Ford would not be able to make it) we had Steve Frew, the Gold medallist gymnast, visit school on Monday. It was a great event and the children thoroughly enjoyed their sponsored fitness circuits and his fabulous assembly about perseverance.



The money raised from this event will be used to buy sports equipment for the school, while supporting the work of GB athletes. Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and moneys** are returned to the school office on or before **Monday 12th March** at the latest.

JUNIOR CITIZEN EVENT

Year 5 and 6 took part in a local junior citizen event at the Grandstand this week. The organisers and staff were impressed with their knowledge and we were proud of them for representing the school so well.

Y4 SCARECROW PROJECT

Ms Amos and Mrs Browne delivered Year 4's scarecrow to Bourne Hall on Wednesday ready for the Epsom and Ewell Herald of Spring Festival this weekend. It will be judged in the competition as part of the event that runs from 9-5pm on Saturday 10th March by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell. The event itself is free and looks to include lots of fun and exciting activities for all the family. If you visit – look out for 'Rosa Parks' who inspired Year 4.



WORLD MATHLETICS DAY

Thank you to all those who took part in World Mathletics Day this week. These opportunities are great for motivating our pupils. I have already been shown one Gold Mathletics certificate this week.

FAMILY COUNCIL

We had a successful family council meeting this week. Thank you to all those who could make it and were able to contribute to our discussion. A summary of the discussion can be found on the school website in the parent pages and family council section. The date of our next meeting is **Wednesday 2nd May at 2.30pm.**



SURREY SPORTS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Our young ambassadors confidently led a very informative assembly this morning, outlining some of the activities our pupils can be a part of in the Surrey Youth Games 2018. All children are being encouraged to take part in this huge sporting event, with the intention of trying out a new sport. If your child is interested, please sign up for the Surrey Youth Games as this is incredibly popular!



CHICKS IN SCHOOL

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the Living Eggs project back in school next week. The fertilised eggs will arrive in school on Monday and then we will wait in anticipation for the chicks to hatch.

PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Consultation meetings are set for this **Wednesday 14th March**. The online booking system is now live and hopefully you have been successful in making an appointment. Our SENCo Mrs Roberts will also be available for meetings on this day, please book these by contacting the school office.

In order to maximise pupil learning time in class and help working parents, we have made a few changes to the timings of the slots and will be starting at 3.30pm and finishing later. **This will mean that we will be closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare. Please do let the office know if you will be unable to collect your child that day at the earlier time so that we can make provision. If your child uses school transport, they will be collected as normal at 3.30pm and looked after by school staff.

This will be a great opportunity to look at your children's books and these as usual will be in their trays by or in their classrooms. However, we are going to trial holding the meetings with parents in the hall this term.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

The PTA are holding a quiz night on Friday 23rd March from 7pm. The staff are already planning their teams – we do hope lots of you can make it. Please see the attached Flyer.

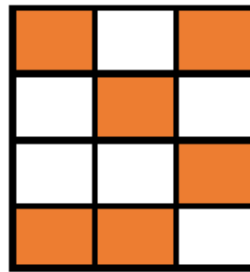
HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

TIMES TABLES

Can you write 10 x table questions with their answers for a friend or relative with one mistake. Time how long it takes them to spot the mistake?

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Sarah is asked to shade half of her shape.



This is what she shades.

Is she correct? Explain why.

SPELLING STRATEGY

Bubble Letters

Write your spelling words in bubble letters. After you write your words in bubble letters, colour your words with a crayon or colored pencil.

Bubble Letters Rock!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Moon: Joshua, Sebastian

Star: Grayson, Mia, Charlie D, Nicole

Eclipse: Ollie

Solar: Ben, Malia

Comet: Lily, Casius

Apollo: Amy, Imani

Voyager: Lois



ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here.
Week beginning 5th March 2018

Sun Class	91.60%
Moon Class	90.91%
Star Class	98.67%
Eclipse Class	96.00%
Solar Class	87.83%
Comet Class	96.67%
Apollo Class	98.26%
Voyager Class	91.00%

POLITE PARKING PLEA

It seems that some parents are double parking spaces and notably the disabled car parking spaces in our car park. We appreciate there is limited space but please do be respectful of all car park users.

COMMUNITY DAY

The PTA newsletter this week mentioned that we are holding a day at school to help 'spruce' up the outdoor and indoor areas. The PTA will provide the bacon butties and hot drinks but in return we would appreciate your time, skills and hard labour from all the family!

This will encompass anything and everything from a bit of weeding, to painting a wall with activities that will keep the whole family occupied!

Our date for this is **Saturday 28th April**. Please add to your diaries.

TERM DATES FOR 2018/2019

To make you aware of the proposed term dates for the next academic year. These may be subject to change after conversion to the Oaks Academy.

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 4th September – Wednesday 19th December

HALF TERM: 22nd – 26th October

INSETs Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September

SPRING TERM 2019

Thursday 3rd January – Friday 5th April

HALF TERM: 18th – 22nd February

INSETs Thursday 3rd January and Friday 4th January

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th July

HALF TERM: 27th – 31st May

INSET Friday June 28th

HALL HIRE

Our hall is available for hire over the weekend. It makes a great venue for parties from £12 per hour plus a £6 insurance charge. There is a minimum hire of 3 hours, for example a half hour set up, 2-hour party and half hour clear up. Please contact Mrs Potter if you are interested. We are also very interested to hear from anyone who would be interested in a more continuous letting for groups at competitive rates e.g. weekend early years music/dance groups; children's language groups; NCT classes etc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Epsom Baptist Church

Springtime Holiday Club for the Easter Holidays. This year the holiday club is called PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE. It is for children aged 5-11 (Reception to Year 6) and the dates are Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April. There is no charge for this event as it is part of our service to the community and we usually have about 80+ children from most of the primary schools in the borough. There are craft activities, quizzes, games, stories, DVD's, songs and refreshments.



BOURNE HALL MUSEUM KIDS CLUB

See attached flyers for great history learning opportunities.

BOURNE HALL

Herald of Spring - March 10th 9am to 5pm

This year's theme is 'Mother Nature'. There will be children activities and games. Cheer on our Y4 Scarecrow in the competition.

Children can enjoy the Hobbledown Puppet Show and dancer's, be amazed by Close Up Magic's trickery and sleight of hand, marvel at the Bourne Hall Museum kids club as they discover Roman sacred springs and the Gods they thought that lived there and take part in 'feel-good' kids' activities from the Rainbow Centre in the Main Hall.

FREE entry!

Fantastic fun for everyone

Tuesday 27 th March/Wednesday 28 th March	Epsom & Ewell Music Festival for Infant Choir	Evening
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	1.30pm
SUMMER TERM		
Monday 16 th April	Start of Summer term	8.30-8.50am
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1st June	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 29 th June (additional date)	INSET: no school for children	Day
Friday 20 th July	End of Term	1.30pm

WRIGGLES & GIGGLES

Each Tuesday our local 'stay and play' community group meet in our school hall from 9.30am to 11.45am. It is a popular group for parents and carers for babies to pre-schoolers and open to everyone. For a small fee of just £2 for children aged over 1, £1 for children under 1 and siblings, visitors have a range of toys and activities on offer. Please spread the word and come along.

LETTERS THIS WEEK

Parentmail

Hardcopy

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland Co-Headteachers

MARCH 2018		
Tuesday 13 th March	Pedals for Y2	Morning
Wednesday 14 th March	Parents Consultations School closes at 3pm this day.	Starting at 3.30pm
Tuesday 20 th March	SATs Information Evening for Y2 and Y6 parents	6pm

